

METROPOLIS PUBLIC LIBRARY

317 METROPOLIS STREET
METROPOLIS, ILLINOIS 62960

May 10, 2008

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
445 12TH St. SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: CC Docket No. 02-6

Please find this letter as a request for a waiver of a deadline per the appeals procedure set forth by the Universal Service Administration Company (USAC).

The Metropolis Public Library was denied funding because the Form 471 application filing deadline was not met. Due to special and unusual circumstances, beyond our control the deadline was not met. Our Library Director, Ms. Leslee Joann Downing was out of state in a medical facility from January 26th through February 1, 2008. She was not released to travel back to Illinois until February 8th (after the deadline). She is still unable to return to work.

At the time the application was due, the library staff had not yet been reassigned all of the Director's duties and we did not realize we had missed the deadline until February 14, 2008.

The Metropolis Public Library has received the E-rate funds for several years. The reduced rate allows us to provide free internet access to all visitors to the library. Without these funds, free service may not be affordable.

We are requesting a waiver of the FCC rule due to these special circumstances, and because a deviation of the rule to allow continued funding would best serve the public interest. We have requested documents to support our request. Should you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact me at 618-524-4312.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,


Karen Laird
Acting Director

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**BlueCross BlueShield
of Illinois**

300 East Randolph
Chicago, Illinois 60601-5099



*Explanation of Benefits (EOB). This is not a bill.**
CITY OF METROPOLIS
04-02-08

**LESLEE J DOWNING
1605 MARKET STREET
METROPOLIS IL 62960-1237**

Customer Service: 1-800-458-6024

To opt out of receiving paper copies of your
EOBs, go to Blue Access for Members at
www.bcbsil.com.

Claim Information

Member Name: LESLEE J DOWNING
Group No.: P93043
Identification No.: XOF841355804
Claim No.: 809255028550H
Patient Name: LESLEE J DOWNING

SUMMARY

— **Total Billed:** \$100.00
Total Benefits Approved: \$73.66
Amount You May Owe Provider: \$0.00

SERVICE INFORMATION

	Service Date	Amount Billed	Not Covered	Covered
BERGER JAY				
Medical Visits	02-08-08	100.00	26.34 (1)	73.66
	FL.			
Totals		\$100.00	\$26.34	\$73.66

COVERAGE INFORMATION

Totals	\$100.00	\$26.34	\$73.66
Reductions			
Total Benefits Approved			\$73.66
Amount You May Owe Provider			\$0.00
Total covered benefits approved for this claim: \$73.66 to BERGER on 04-02-08.			

Benefits are being paid at the higher level since you used a contracting provider in the PPO network.

Information About Amounts Not Covered

- (1) The amount billed is greater than the amount allowed for this service. You will not be billed for this amount.

Ideas To Help Keep Health Care Affordable

By simply buckling seat belts, wearing bicycle helmets and using other safety equipment - and making sure our children do, too - we can avoid the upset of unnecessary injuries and billions of dollars in unnecessary medical expenses. When it comes to the cost of health care, your choices make a difference.



SUMMARY

Total Billed: \$36160.56
Total Benefits Approved: \$21468.03
Amount You May Owe Provider: \$282.82

Claim No.:
Patient Name:

803955092950H
 LESLEE DOWNING

SERVICE INFORMATION

Hospital is in FL.

	Service Date	Amount Billed	Not Covered	Covered
RAULERSON HOSPITAL				
Rm Two Beds Or More	01-26-08 to 02-01-08	5418.00	2158.94 (1)	3259.06
Ekg Inpatient	01-26-08 to 02-01-08	538.00	214.39 (1)	323.61
X-Ray Services	01-26-08 to 02-01-08	200.00	79.70 (1)	120.30
Drugs	01-26-08 to 02-01-08	1274.00	507.68 (1)	766.32
Drugs	01-26-08 to 02-01-08	879.00	350.28 (1)	528.72
Other Services	01-26-08 to 02-01-08	288.00	114.77 (1)	173.23
Med/Surg Supplies	01-26-08 to 02-01-08	2573.00	1025.33 (1)	1547.67
Laboratory Services	01-26-08 to 02-01-08	260.00	103.61 (1)	156.39
Laboratory Services	01-26-08 to 02-01-08	4082.14	1626.71 (1)	2455.43
Laboratory Services	01-26-08 to 02-01-08	15.42	6.15 (1)	9.27
Laboratory Services	01-26-08 to 02-01-08	1698.00	676.65 (1)	1021.35
Laboratory Services	01-26-08 to 02-01-08	1114.00	443.93 (1)	670.07
Laboratory Services	01-26-08 to 02-01-08	118.00	47.03 (1)	70.97
X-Ray Services	01-26-08 to 02-01-08	1826.00	727.65 (1)	1098.35
Cat Scan	01-26-08 to 02-01-08	2601.00	1036.48 (1)	1564.52
Inhalation Therapy	01-26-08 to 02-01-08	2307.00	919.33 (1)	1387.67
Speech Therapy	01-26-08 to 02-01-08	403.00	160.60 (1)	242.40
Emer Room Services	01-26-08 to 02-01-08	1002.00	399.29 (1)	602.71
Diag. Medical Exam	01-26-08 to 02-01-08	1849.00	736.82 (1)	1112.18
Drugs	01-26-08 to 02-01-08	7715.00	3074.37 (1)	4640.63
Totals		\$36160.56	\$14409.71	\$21750.85

COVERAGE INFORMATION

Totals	\$36160.56	\$14409.71	\$21750.85
Deductions			
Applied to 2008 health care plan deductible		\$32.82	
Your 10% Coinsurance Amount		\$330.69	
Total Deductions			\$363.51
Total Benefits Approved			\$21468.03
Amount You May Owe Provider			\$282.82
Total covered benefits approved for this claim: \$21,468.03 to RAULERSON HOSPITAL on 02-11-08.			



Schools and Libraries Division

**FUNDING YEAR 2008 FORM 471
POSTMARKED OUTSIDE OF WINDOW**

May 7, 2008

Joann Downing
METROPOLIS PUBLIC LIBRARY
317 METROPOLIS ST
METROPOLIS, IL 62960-2135

Re: Applicant's Form Identifier: F471-Y08
Form 471 Application Number: 637661

Dear Joann Downing:

We're sending this letter to thank you for your recent Form 471 application. Your Form 471 application was postmarked on 02/14/2008, which is AFTER the Funding Year 2008-2009 filing window closed at 11:59 p.m. EST on Thursday, February 7, 2008.

Program rules require us to hold your application pending final review of those applications that were filed within the filing window. We will post an announcement on the USAC website at www.usac.org/sl once we determine if funding applications that were submitted within the application filing window will fully utilize all the funds available for this Funding Year.

For more information about the processing of pending applications, about funding for applications filed after the close of the filing window or about plans for future Funding Years, please visit our website or call the Client Service Bureau at 1-888-203-8100.

TO APPEAL THIS DECISION:

If you wish to appeal a decision indicated in this letter, your appeal must be received by USAC or postmarked within 60 days of the date of this letter. Failure to meet this requirement will result in automatic dismissal of your appeal. In your letter of appeal:

1. Include the name, address, telephone number, fax number, and (if available) email address for the person who can most readily discuss this appeal with us.
2. State outright that your letter is an appeal. Include the following to identify the decision letter and the decision you are appealing:
 - Appellant name,
 - Applicant or service provider name,
 - BEN,
 - Application number 637661 as assigned by USAC,
 - "Funding Year 2008 Form 471 Postmarked Outside of Window Letter,"AND
 - The exact text or the decision that you are appealing.
3. Please keep your letter to the point, and provide documentation to support your appeal. Be sure to keep a copy of your entire appeal, including any correspondence and documentation.

4. If you are an applicant, please provide a copy of your appeal to the service provider(s) affected by USAC's decision. If you are a service provider, please provide a copy of your appeal to the applicant(s) affected by USAC's decision.

5. Provide an authorized signature on your letter of appeal.

To submit your appeal to USAC by email, email to appeals@sl.universalservice.org. USAC will automatically reply to incoming emails to confirm receipt.

To submit your appeal to us by fax, fax your appeal to (973)599-6542.

To submit your appeal to us on paper, send your appeal to:

Letter of Appeal
Schools and Libraries Division - Correspondence Unit
100 South Jefferson Road
P.O. Box 902
Whippany, NJ 07981

You have the option of filing an appeal with USAC or with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). You should refer to CC Docket No. 02-6 on the first page of your appeal to the FCC. Your appeal must be received by the FCC or postmarked within 60 days of the above date on this letter. Failure to meet this requirement will result in automatic dismissal of your appeal. We strongly recommend that you use the electronic filing options described in the "Appeals Procedure" posted on our website. If you are submitting your appeal via United States Postal Service, send to: FCC, Office of the Secretary, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20554.

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